

## S 579

### Smaller Class Sizes for Students and Educators Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 27, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/579>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 28, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 27, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Smaller Class Sizes for Students and Educators Act of 2019**

This bill directs the Department of Education to award grants for local educational agencies in high-poverty school districts to reduce class sizes in the early elementary grades (kindergarten through third grade) by recruiting, training, and hiring qualified teachers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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